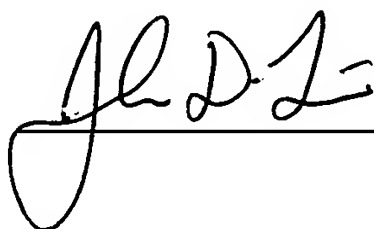


***Remarks***

Applicants appreciate the Examiner's indication that claims 18, 20 and 22 are allowable. Applicants have amended claim 16 according to the Examiner's suggestion. In view of this amendment, Applicant believes that claims 16, 18, 20 and 22 are now in condition for allowance and therefore respectfully request the Examiner to allow these claims. If a discussion with Applicant's attorney will facilitate the allowance of this application, Examiner Delacroix Muirheid is respectfully requested to call the undersigned at 716-848-1430.

A one-month extension is requested for filing this response. A check for \$55.00 is also enclosed. If any additional fee is due, the Examiner is authorized to charge it to Deposit Account No. 08-2442.

Respectfully submitted,

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